

20 January 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary/NFIB

FROM: Chm/IHC

SUBJECT: Revision of DCIDs

1. Pursuant to your request, I have reviewed the DCIDs pertinent to the IHC, DCID 1/4 and DCID 1/15. It is my opinion that there is no requirement to alter the substance of the presently stated mission and functions of the committee as set out in DCID 1/4. Accordingly, I have prepared the attached proposed revision of DCID 1/4 to comply with the form of the new DCID on TTIC but incorporated within it the mission and functions statements in the current DCID 1/4 with minimal changes in the present wording in order to avoid even the implication of substantive change. I think this is desirable in order to avoid provoking unnecessary controversy over the revision. I have, however, combined a few of the existing function statements and eliminated one case of redundancy.

2. FIPS-PUB-28 issued by NBS under statutory authority requires the establishment of policies and procedures similar to those incorporated in DCID 1/15 by all elements of the Federal government. Since the IHC is now charged with responsibility for implementation of this policy, I am recommending that the substance of 1/15 be incorporated in DCID 1/4 (see paragraph 4 of the attached draft). This will permit the elimination of a separate DCID on this subject while continuing to comply with national policy and making no substantive change to established Community policy on Data Standards.

3. Since you have informed me that DCID 1/3 will probably be rescinded, I have covered the most important applicable provisions in the proposed DCID 1/4 and provided for adoption by the committee, with the approval of the chairman, of rules of procedure. I believe it is important to maintain the DCI's control over committee procedures through the chairman. Otherwise, the committee can attempt to frustrate DCI initiatives and run over the chairman through procedures. I saw this being done in the past on the Computer Security Committee.

4. I would like to surface this draft for discussion, comment and suggestions by the committee. If you have no objections, I propose to distribute this draft, incorporating any changes which you may suggest, at our meeting on January 21 for discussion with the committee at our meeting on 9-10 February. Therefore, I would appreciate any suggestions which you may have as soon as possible.

Attachment: a/s

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